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Yours fraternally, Sam R. Brown, Grand Sec. SAM R. BROWN, Grand Sec.
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At the regular meeting of the C. M At the regular meeting of the C. M. B. A., Branch 73, Oustic, it was proposed by Brother Synnott and seconded by Brother M. McCann, that the sum of five dollars shall be taken annually from the funds of Branch 73 and applied for the offering of a Requiem Mass for the departed souls in general of the C. M B. A. That the said Mass shall be offered at the convenience of the Spirit-ual Director of the Branch, and that all or as many of the members as can, will assist at that Mass, go to confession and communion, and offer the same for the happy repose of their associates.

That this resolution shall be forwarded

to the CATHOLIC RECORD for publication. Oustic, March 24th, 1888.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 39, held March 19th, the following resolution was moved by Chancellor Weinert, seconded by Treasurer Schwan and unanimously adopted:

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Whereas our esteemed First Vice president, Bro S. Herringer, having entered into the holy bonds of matrimony, be it Resolved, That his brother members of Branch No. 39 extend to their respected brother and his estimable lady the expression of their sincere congratulations upon their assumption of the responsibili-ties of the wedded state, and also record their individual and collective wish for their lifelong happiness, coupled with

their lifelong happiness, coupled with health and prosperity.

Resolved, That this resolution be entered on the minutes of this meeting, and that copies be forwarded to the RECORD, and Monthly for publication.

On this day also our Branch received Holy Communion at the hands of the the Very Rev. Dean Laussle, their Spiritual Adviser, who, after the Gospel, made some very lucid explanations with reference to the objects and principles of the C. M. B. A. P. McARTHUR, A. P. McARTHUR, Rec. Sec., Branch 39.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADEL. PHIA ON HOME RULE.

In the course of an interview granted to a representative of the Freeman's Journal, the Archbishop of Philadelphia made some remarks upon Home Rule:

Q. It is almost unnecessary to ask your Grace whether the Americans take an interest in the Irish question?—A. Yes, the Irish question excites a general interest amongst Americans—not only amongst Irish-Americans, but amongst the entire American people. It is to a certain extent an American question. It was a question which sejtated Americans themselves once—whether they were to be governed by one central authority alone or each State manage its own affairs, except in matters of general importance affecting the whole country.

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Q. Then the spirit of Home Rule entered largely into the American Constitution?—

A. Yes, of course, all the States have Home Rule, but at the same time they are not independent. It is anti-American to be otherwise governed than by ourselves, because we know best our own affairs, and can manage them with greater wisdom. However, the States are subject to the Central Government at Weshington The Americans are strongly opposed to anything that would weaken the Central Government.

Q. In your Grace's opinion is the Central Government stronger by reason of the exercise of local legislative powers by the different States? A. Yes. And the Central

different States? A. Yes. And the Central Government in London would be stronger if Ireland had Home Rule. The real principal of Home Rule, as I understand it, is to make the Central Government as strong as possible, but to leave the different countries free, except where some great general questions are concerned.

Q. What are your Grace's opinions upon the suggestion that Home Rule would lead to separation?—A. The American States do not dream of separation from the Government at Washington and there is not a sensible person in America who thinks that there ought to be a question of separation of Ireland America who thinks that there ought to be a question of separation of Ireland from England. For though the cases are not quite parallel, they have much in common, and secession might lead to disintegration. The Americans see with satisfaction that those in England who have studied the Irish question, like Mr.

have studied the Irish question, like Mr. Gladstone, the Earl of Ripon, and Cardinal Manning, are with the Home Rule movement and do not fear separation.

Q. What do Americans think of Mr. Gladstone?—A. He is regarded as the most American of English statesmen, and beyond all comparison England's greatest public man, whose knowledge and integrity should commend him to the confidence of his countrymen. He can have no motive but love for both England and Ireland.

Q. You are speaking of the opinions of Americans in general, and not merely those of Irish decent?—A. Yes, and nearly all the American newspapers are

nearly all the American newspapers are in favor of the Irish movement. Q. Is it a fact that the United States

Q. Is it a fact that the United States has more newspapers than any other country ?—A. I believe so.
Q. How is Mr. Parnell regarded in America ?—A. There is great admiration in America for the cool judgment of Mr. Parnell, who is partly claimed as an America.

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Q. What would be the position of Ire-land under Home Rule?—A. The free-dom of Ireland to manage her own affairs should not be interfered with by her connection with the London Govern

connection with the London Government.

Q Then, as far as freedom to manage her own affairs is concerned, Ireland would be in quite as good a position as if she were separate?—A. She should be, Separation is a cry raised by the enemies of Ireland, and it is a cry that we should always meet by saying that we don't want it. For instance, Canada is perfectly united with England, and Canada

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"Of course not!" exclaimed Claude, with delightful agreement, "for you see I have I

fectly united with England, and Canada is free. I think with Grattan, that separation is impracticable.

Q What is the opinion as to the probability of Home Rule?—A. Americans think that Home Rule is only a question of time. The sense of the world is in favour of it. There can be no question about it, that so long as the Irish Parliamentary party keep together they will have sympathy and support from the Irish American element in the United States and from numbers of Americans, because they are sympa absolutely King, that neither money, time, Americans, because they are sympa thetic with all nations struggling for

ational freedom. Q. Is there any anti-Irish feeling in America?—A. Well, we hear sometimes of what is called Anglomania taking that form, but it is very insignificant. The argument in favour of Home Rule is not merely an a priori one. The system in principle has succeeded in the United States, and that is the best argument in favor of its adoption here.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD. Holy Week in Ingersoll,

the Passion of our Lord was delivered by Rev. Father Northgraves.

On Easter Sunday High Mass was celebrated by Rev. G. R. Northgraves, An eloquent and appropriate sermon was delivered by Rev. Joseph P. M. Jhpy. At Vespers the Rev. Father Northgraves delivered an impressive and convincing discourse on the certainty of Christ's resurrection. The music at mass and vespers was very fine, under the leadership of Mrs. Molnnis, organist of the church of the Sacred Heart. Over four hundred persons of the congregation received their Rester Communion during the week.

Would not let his family live for a week; and, in the meantime, thousands of believing people are spending money to make their dwellings more comfortable, their firesides brighter, their sleeping rooms more cosy, and their parlours more pleas ant.

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ANGELS CALL A PRIEST.

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The Cathotic News learns that at the last weekly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference, attached to the church of St. Charles Borromeo, Brooklyn, an incident of strange interest was related by Mr. Charles A. Hoyt, a gentleman well known in the City of Churches by his deeds of charity and many kindly ways. He attends the meetings of this conference regularly, and usually relates some story of an edifying or instructive nature.

he had been engaged. "Come in," said Father Walter; but no response was made.

Fancying that he had made a mistake, he resumed his work only to be again distracted by the timorous knock. "Come in," he said again; but the door did not open, nor was he answered. He never lifted his head from his work, expecting that whoever it was would make his or her presence felt when close to the table where he was seated. But again the knock came the third time, and the good priest started to the door.

Father Walter is a practical man, not in the least imaginative, and he knew that there must be someone at the door. He opened it and was surprised to see two little girls standing right before him. "What is it you want, children?" asked the priest, quite forgetting to inquire how they came into the house without their progress being barred by the party whose duty it was to attend the door. They answered that their father was dying, that he needed the last ascraments and that the presence of Father Walter was required. They told him the building wherein the sick man lay, and, in his haste to reach him, Father Walter forgot to ask the name.

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the floor, with no friends near to smooth by their presence his passage to the grave. After attending to the spiritual wants of the man the good priest began to make inquiries about his temporal affairs.

"Why did you not send around to me earlier?" asked Father Walter.

"Because I am alone and had no one to send. I am glad you came this way."

"But," said Father Walter, "two children, saying you were their father, came to me."

to me."
"My two children are in heaven," was the reply.

Father Walter described the children

Father Walter described the children and the dying man recognized the description as that of his girls in life. He then understood the remarkable favor shown him and exclaimed: "They were my angel children, thanks be to the Lord."

The dying man, whose name was not mentioned by Mr. Hoyt, ascribed the grace with which his last moments were blessed by God to his regular practice of praying for the dead and applying to the souls in purgatory many of the indulgences he was privileged to earn. He believed that his prayers had been returned by the souls he had benefited and he departed this life calmly, trusting faithfully in the mercy of God.

ALL I HAVE IS THINE

wherever the faith is yet simple and in-corrupt, we find that the Most Holy is so absolutely King, that neither money, time, labour, nor personal service, can ever be sufficiently lavished upon Him

This is undoubtedly the Catholic ideal. First, as regards money. The ideal is, that the Blessed Sacrament has a right to that the Blessed Sacrament has a right to our means, just as if He were part of our household: not to say more than this. If the rich man's drawing room is sumptu-ously furnished, and the Tabernacle is poor and plain, it must be wrong. If ladies dress expensively, while the priest says Mass in a worn and stained chasuble, how will they ensure for its before purhow will they answer for it before our Lord? In households, where there is little superfluity, but where small economies are possible, the first charge must surely be for the altar and the nouse of The services of Holy Week were zelebrated in Ingersoll with more than usual solemnity this year. On Holy Thursday High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Joseph P. Molphy, and an appropriate sermon was delivered by Rev. G. R. Northgraves, editor of the Catholic Record, on the Relations between the Blessed Eucharist and the Passion of our Blessed Lord.

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The procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place to a beautiful and devotional repository, which was prepared by the ladies of the congregation, and which by its elegance reflected great credit on those who assisted in its decoration. On Friday the mass of the presanctified was sung by Rev. Father Northgraves, assisted by Rev. Father Traher, P. P., of Samcoe, as deacon and sub deacon. The sermon on the Passion of our Lord was delivered by Rev. Father Northgraves.

cruets are, perhaps, which minister to the Sacrifice; how miserable the very chalice which holds the Precious Blood, in comparison with the ornaments of their own sideboard?

It is no wonder if the unbeliever finds, in so cold a faith as this, slight evidence indeed, of the Real Presence of Jesua.

—Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

NOTES FROM LACHINE, QUE.

ways. He attends the meetings of this conference regularly, and usually relates some story of an edifying or instructive nature.

On the occasion referred to, he said that he was about to relate an incident truthful in every circumstance, that had a moral not lightly to be set aside. He said that, in a letter received some days previously from a friend in Washington, there was conveyed to him news such as is met with only once in a lifetime.

The address of Mr. Hoyt was a history of a remarkable and miraculous case. It appears, according to his correspondent, that Rev. Jacob A. Walter, pastor of St. Patrick's church, Washington, D. C., was seated in his study one evening, a short time ago, when a gentle knock at the door roused him from the duties in which he had been engaged. "Come in," said Father Walter; but no response was made.

Fancying that he had made a mistake, he resumed his work only to be again distracted by the timorous knock. "Come in," he said again; but the door did not open, nor was he answered. He never

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The population is about 3000 and is constantly increasing since the Dominion Bridge Co. and Canada Barb Wire Fence Co. located here.

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A Boy's Confession to Leo XIII.

A friend of mine lately had a private audience of the Holy Father, writes a Rome correspondent to the San Fran-cisco Chronicle. He took his son with cisco Chronicle. He took his son with him—a most intelligent, original little fellow of five years of age. Leo XIII. is very fond of children. He is a distant, cool reserved man to grown-up persons, but delightfully accessible and kind to little folks. Claude, my friend's son, was soon mounted on the Holy Father's knee, perfectly at ease, with all the divine unconsciousness of children; moreover, he is accustomed to clericals. His best play-fellows out of the nursery are a certain learned distinguished Thom-

His best play-fellows out of the nursery sre a certain learned distinguished Thomist Dominican and a scholarly Benedictine Father. So Claude played with the Pope's cross, and listened, half comprehendingly, to the conversation on the difficulties and responsibilities of parents, and the predisposition to good or evil of children. The Pope looked tenderly down on dear little Claude, and said:

"I hope you are always a good boy?" Claude flushed red up to his very blonde temples, but answered bold as a lion, "On, no! I bit Marie yesterday."

"What!" cried the Pope, "bit whom?"

"Marie, my sister," said Claude. "She called me a little pig, and I bit her hard on the arm."

g nor a dog." Again his Holiness went off into another good laugh. The boy's naive courage and frankness were delicious and the Pope had the true heart to enjoy it.

Catholic Columbian.

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Meetings of Protestant ministers are beginning to be called and held in various places, with the object—commendable in itself—of endeavoring to effect a Christian Union. Sometimes as was the case, last week at Wilkinsburg, a suburb of Pittsburg, Pa,—the "Romanist clergyman is invited, but in that instance he declined to attend We decline on principle. When these meetings are held, it is with the expectation that each minister will be prepared to concede something,—to trade away some portion of what they had always clung to as truth, that this union might be brought about. Catholics, holding the truth as it first came to the Church from the lips of Christ, and in its entirety, which is not to be changed, and being its regularly appointed guardians, can conwhich is not to be changed, and oblig its regularly appointed guardians, can con cede or yield nothing. They cannot betray what they were appointed to pre-serve and defend.



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